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BONN PLEASE PASS UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

1. REFTEL NOTES SOAMES INTEREST IN DISCUSSION WITH
UNDER SECRETARY OF U.S. ECONOMIC AGREEMENT WITH IRAN,
PARTICULARLY IRAN REACTION TO ITS EXCLUSION FROM GSP
BENEFITS.

2. UNDER SECRETARY MAY WISH TO INFORM SOAMES THAT US AND
IRAN HAVE ESTABLISHED JOINT COMMISSION IN WHICH
COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ON BROAD RANGE OF
ISSUES IS DISCUSSED. THESE INCLUDE TRADE, ECONOMIC
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COOPERATION, INVESTMENT, AGRICULTURE, LABOR AND MANPOWER,

NUCLEAR ENERGY AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. WHILE COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS IN SPECIFIC AREAS HAVE BEEN AGREED TO IN JOINT COMMISSION, IT IS BASICALLY A FORUM FOR CONSULTATION. US HAS NOT CONCLUDED ANY GENERAL ECONOMIC AGREEMENT WITH IRAN.

3. REGARDING GSP, IRANIANS IN TRADE SUB-COMMISSION OF FEBRUARY ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN TEHRAN EXPRESSED GREAT DISSATISFACTION WITH EXCLUSION OF OPEC COUNTRIES FROM GSP BENEFITS. HOWEVER ISSUE WAS

NOT RAISED FURTHER IN FEBRUARY MEETING OR MARCH JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. INGERSOLL

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